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## Navy names walkway in honor of 'Chosin Few'

By L.A. Shively  
JBSA-FSH News Leader

Students and staff at the Navy Medicine Training Support Center unveiled a sign naming the walkway between Jaenke and Fralish Halls "Avenue of the Chosin Few," in an Aug. 24 ceremony honoring Korean War veterans who fought the battle of the Chosin Reservoir, during the frigid winter of 1950.

Remembering the contributions our veterans make is imperative, said

Navy Capt. John Larnerd, commanding officer of NMTSC.

"If we forget the sacrifice of what has gone into making our country the beacon of democracy and freedom that it is today, then it will be easier for us to lose sight of what is really important," Larnerd said, noting that NMTSC is in the business of training Navy hospital corpsman who often put themselves in harm's way caring for those at the front-lines of battle as did the

Korean veterans.

"Fifty-three corpsmen have paid the ultimate sacrifice in support of our country just since 9/11. Corpsmen today are warriors who set aside their own interests to take care of their soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines," Larnerd said, "making it possible for them to come home and spend time with their families."

Retired U.S. Army Sgt. Maj. Elliott Sartillo,

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Photo by L.A. Shively

Retired Army Sgt. Maj. Elliott Sartillo is overcome with emotion after receiving a standing ovation from medical students and staff in the Anderson Hall amphitheater, after watching "Chosin," a documentary about the bloody battle at the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War. Sartillo was taken prisoner while fighting the Chinese, just south of the Chosin Reservoir.

## JBSA Stage III restrictions in effect

### Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level  
as of Sept. 4

**CURRENT LEVEL \***

**639.6'**

\*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'

For water restrictions, visit  
<http://www.jbsa.af.mil>.



Joint Base San Antonio Stage III water restrictions are now in effect.

Changes from Stage II include irrigation is now once every other week; watering times are from 3 to 8 a.m. 8 to 10 p.m. on the designated watering day; use of portable yard pools is prohibited; fire hydrant and sewer flushing is prohibited (unless repairing); government vehicles allowed to be washed once per month; no new planting is allowed.

JBSA is obligated to follow the Biological Opinion

Agreement with U.S. Fish And Wildlife Services as part of the Endangered Species Act, which is more stringent than the San Antonio Water Systems restrictions.

This agreement establishes the JBSA Drought Management Plan, which is available at <http://www.jbsa.af.mil/>.

JBSA personnel should not confuse the JBSA water restrictions with the SAWS restriction levels.

(Source: Anthony Martinez, JBSA Engineer)

## 'Ask, Care, Escort' initiative can save someone from suicide

By Maria Gallegos  
BAMC Public Affairs

What would you do if you were faced with someone who may be suicidal? How would you respond if someone you know told you of their plans to take their own life?

Hearing someone talking about suicide may make you feel uncomfortable, but educating

yourself on what to do before it happens may ease the apprehension, which could save a life.

"Ask, Care, Escort," or ACE, provides suicide prevention and awareness training for all Soldiers, staff, civilians and their family members.

This Army-approved program teaches suicide behavior recognitions and the warning signs associated with suicide.

The course also provides an opportunity to discuss and participate in role-play realistic scenarios, and to practice communication and intervention skills to increase confidence to ask if someone is thinking about suicide.

The following steps are some helpful ACE tips on suicide prevention and

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# Recalling 9/11: "Sir, the mission has changed..."

By Command Chief Master Sgt.  
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502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base  
San Antonio

In a speech at the Cooper Union in New York City on Feb. 27, 1860, President Abraham Lincoln cited, "Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."

He called to all who could hear not to be afraid to do their duty to defend the nation against those who threatened the gift of freedom. We would not be afraid. We would defend. And we did, engaging in a war that ultimately preserved our nation.

One hundred and forty-one years later, on Sept. 11, 2001, some threatened our nation in the most appalling manner. The words of President Lincoln again rang loudly in our hearts like no other time in 141 years. This was our call to duty.

Do you remember? If someone would ask me what I did two days ago, I would have to think hard. Most of the times I cannot remember, but I remember Sept. 11, 2001.

I was a training instructor at Air Force basic training. The night before, I remember talking with my trainees about the importance of being prepared. I remember telling them that our mission was to train and be ready. Several hours later, I shipped them to the warrior week encampment.

On Sept. 11, I woke up to a morning cup of coffee and the early morning news. Then I saw this airplane flying too close to the World Trade Center. All of the sudden, the aircraft hit the tower. Then, another aircraft, and the



letters on the TV clearly noted, "America Under Attack!"

I did not know what to do. "Is this really happening?!" And then the phone rang.

"Sergeant LugoSantiago?"

"Yes, this is Sergeant LugoSantiago? Who's this?"

"Sir, you need to report to duty immediately; then you'll pick up your trainees. You will get the whole

brief once you get in."

"Yes, sir."

I don't ever recall getting in my uniform so quickly. I reported to work, then I went to pick up my trainees. As soon as I arrived to the warrior week encampment, I made eye contact with my dorm chief.

"Dorm chief, form the trainees on this line. We're leaving! Make it quick!"

She answered, "Yes, sir ... proceeding, sir!"

As I had the trainees lined up, counting the trainees and calling their names one by one, I told the trainees the news. Recalling the conversation we had the night before and thinking about her family in New York, one of the element leaders trying the hardest to contain her tears said, "Sir, the mission has changed."

Her words echo until

this day. "The mission has changed."

We mobilized our Armed Forces to find these people who tried to hurt us. The mission changed indeed.

A little over 10 years later on Dec. 15, 2011, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta spoke at a ceremony marking the end of the U.S. mission in Iraq. He noted that more than 1 million service members served in Iraq since 2003. Of those, nearly 4,500 died and more than 30,000 were wounded.

In Afghanistan, several thousand troops continue to serve. As of March 31, the United States had about 86,692 military with "boots on the ground" in Afghanistan.

Their courage in responding to the call of duty is what our nation will remember and study

for generations to come. The mission changed, but the resolve and spirit of the American warrior did not.

Our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen took on this mission to find these people and those who harbor them, daring to the end to do their duty, so freedom could ring.

Our military families also took on an enduring mission. They did not sign papers enlisting them, but every thought and sorrow was a clear sign they were our silent warriors. They too dared to do their duty, so freedom could ring in every corner of our nation.

This coming Sept. 11, I will remember. And you should too. More importantly, all of us should spend time with our families and friends and recount our own stories, lest we forget how others threatened, but our resolve never waived.



## News Briefs

### **New METC Commandant Assumes Command**

Rear Adm. William M. Roberts will assume command of the Medical Education and Training Campus on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston in a ceremony at 9 a.m. at the Anderson Hall Auditorium, Building 1364, Sept. 7. Roberts was previously fleet surgeon for the U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. He is the second commandant for METC, following Rear Adm. Bob Kiser, METC's inaugural commandant, who retired in June.

### **Supply Order Cutoff Sept. 26**

The cutoff date to order supplies through the 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (W45NQP) for fiscal year 2012 is Sept. 26. All high-priority requests after the Sept. 26 cutoff will be worked offline. For more information, call 221-5598 or 221-3320.

### **Chief Petty Officer Pinning**

The Navy Medicine Training Support Center's Chief Petty Officer's Mess holds the fiscal year 2013 CPO pinning ceremony at 10 a.m. Sept. 14 at 2472 Stanley Road, Building 2770. All are invited. Call 441-2289 for more information.

### **Nasal Influenza Research Study**

Brooke Army Medical Center is enrolling people for a self-administered nasal influenza feasibility study. Male and female applicants should be in good health, between 18 and 49 years of age and be a Department of Defense beneficiary. During the study, applicants will complete an interview and diary, have blood drawn twice, make two visits over a one-month period and be supplied with the nasal vaccination. There is a payment of \$25 for each blood draw. To apply, or for more information, call 916-6014.

### **Mayor's Community Fitness Challenge**

Joint Base San Antonio is participating in the Mayor's Community Fitness Challenge. Take a photo of any group fitness activity and provide a brief description of the event. The City of San Antonio will receive 100 points for each event. The event begins Sept. 1 and runs through Oct. 31. San Antonio is competing with all other cities in the state of Texas. For more information about where to email the photos

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# Chevallier ready to support members, families

By Airman 1st Class

Lincoln Korver

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph  
Public Affairs

As Joint Base San Antonio bids adieu to Army Col. Robert Bridgford, JBBSA is simultaneously welcoming Army Col. Jim Chevallier to take his place as the 502nd Air Base Wing vice commander and JBBSA deputy commander.

Chevallier brings to JBBSA prior experience as the chief of staff of United States Forces in Afghanistan, his last assignment.

"My initial impression is that there are many great teams doing great work all across Joint Base San Antonio," he said.

Before he received this assignment, Chevallier was originally going to be stationed at JBBSA-Fort Sam Houston with a different role. Once he returned from Afghanistan, he received orders to the 502nd ABW.

Chevallier is highly optimistic about the op-



Photo by Rich McFadden

U.S. Army Col. Jim Chevallier, in his new position as the 502nd Air Base Wing vice commander and Joint Base San Antonio deputy commander, discusses his vision Aug. 24 at JBBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

portunity.

"The great thing about being in the installation business is we support people in the execution of their mission," he said. "There's a lot of wear and tear on the military services right now. I look forward to being able to influence the support that is given to service members and their families."

Chevallier approaches leadership the same way he thinks everyone should view it within their lives, because he believes everyone has the capability to be a leader.

"I probably have a different definition of leadership than most people," he said. "Most folks think of leadership as someone who is in a

duty position that places them in a supervisory capacity. I would offer that there is leadership at all levels."

Chevallier said being placed in a position coded with a leadership title doesn't matter.

"All it takes is identifying what needs to be done and gathering the necessary resources to take on that challenge," he said. "Whether you're a private, airman basic or four-star general, that's what a leader does."

Chevallier also highlighted selflessness as a quality of a leader and a model service member.

"The ideal service member, in my opinion formed over the years, is disciplined, physically fit, competent in whatever their skill set is and, lastly, recognizes that it's not a job," he said. "We're in a duty position - serving in the armed forces and our mission and our responsibilities are bigger than the individual," he said.

Chevallier is already considering available

resources to take on some of the JBBSA and wing challenges he will tackle in his role as vice commander.

"There is no secret about the state of the economy for the United States or the world," he said. "Whenever there are economic difficulties, the Department of Defense and all the services take a money cut. We are in a period of dwindling resources - and that's not necessarily a bad thing. It forces us to determine what is really important and focus on those priority efforts that will have the biggest impact on the mission, services members and their families."

Chevallier arrived at Fort Sam Houston about three weeks ago and he has visited all San Antonio locations.

"I've been able to meet a large amount of the team here at Joint Base San Antonio, and I'm looking forward to working with them," Chevallier said. "I'm happy to be joining this team."



Photo by L.A. Shively

Michael Mathews, deputy manager with Army Support Activity, presents his issues during the 502nd Mission Support Group Customer Workshop at the Region 20 Conference Center Aug. 19. The first-of-its-kind workshop covered base operations support from each of the functional squadrons, support agreements as well as the reimbursement process. Approximately 150 military and civilians representing unit and organizational resource managers, planners, and others, who participate in the Inter-Service Support Agreement and/or Base Operations Support processes, attended.

## 502nd Mission Support Group hosts first customer service workshop

By L.A. Shively

JBBSA-FSH News Leader

Providing support to mission partners was top on the agenda for Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston's first customer service workshop at the Region 20 Education Center Aug. 29.

Approximately 150 action officers representing military and civilian organizations across JBBSA-FSH attended to review and discuss

installation support topics including budgeting, the support agreements process and reimbursable services.

"Each of our squadron directors outlined the services that they provide and answered questions," said Serafina L. De Los Santos, executive officer for the 502nd Mission Support Group, who led the workshop.

De Los Santos explained the aim of the workshop was to ensure

the audience was aware of the services the 502nd MSG provides and understand that some support is compensable.

"We want to help them budget for any support that would be reimbursable, especially now that we are all in cost conscious culture," De Los Santos said.

Each unit has unique requirements, explained Col. John Lamoureux,

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with the description of the event, call 292-3220.

#### Flu Shots at WHASC

Flu Shots are available for all active duty personnel at the main immunizations clinic at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. This is a mandatory requirement and must be completed by Nov. 21. Flu shots will be available for all Department of Defense beneficiaries in the WHASC atrium from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Active duty have priority. Patients with booked appointments can receive the vaccine with their primary care manager. For more information, call 292-4278.

#### Hiring Heroes Career Fair

A Department of Defense Hiring Heroes Career Fair takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395 on Chaffee Road to support the transition process of military members, warriors in transition, veterans, and family members. For more information, call 221-9255.

#### JBSA FSH Voting Assistance Office

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Voting Assistance Office is open and available to provide information and resources to military and civilian personnel and their family members about the 2012 elections. The office also assists voters in registering. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at Building 2263, 1706 Stanley Road. Call 221-1424 for more information. People can also contact their unit voting assistance officer. For additional information on voting in Texas, outside of Texas and absentee voting, go to <http://www.fvap.gov>.

#### Suicide Intervention Skills Training Offered

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is currently being offered for Joint Base San Antonio active duty members, civilians, and family members. The training will be held on the last Thursday and Friday of every month. Call 221-1696 to register, as seating is limited. T4T trained instructors are also needed to facilitate the course. People who have successfully completed the T4T training can also call 221-1696.

# MICC awards \$326 million to small business in July

By Daniel P. Elkins  
MICC Public Affairs

More than \$326 million in contracts were awarded to small businesses throughout the nation for the month of July by contracting officials with the Mission and Installation Contracting Command on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Through July, MICC contracting officers have awarded more than \$1.6 billion in contracts to small businesses representing 44.7 percent of total small business eligible dollars awarded by the command this

fiscal year. The MICC's small business goal is 47.5 percent.

A revision to small business goals by the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition Logistics and Technology in April 2012 led to a goal increase for the MICC from 47 percent to 47.5 percent.

"The goal increase is welcomed news by small business owners," said Sandy Spiess, the MICC Small Business Program associate director. "A half percentage point increase in the fiscal 2012 small business goal equates to approximately \$32.5 million more in

small business awards."

The command's small business program consists of directors at JBSA-FSH and specialists at 40 sites around the country who work closely with small business representatives to ensure maximum opportunity to compete for Army contracts is afforded across all small business categories.

Small business directors here monitor each small business category throughout the fiscal year to ensure they are on track to achieve award goals established by Army Contracting Command officials.

The amount of contract dollars awarded, percentage achieved and goal in each small business category through July include:

- Small disadvantaged business: \$834 million awarded to achieve 22.8 percent toward a goal of 24 percent.
- Service-disabled veteran owned small business: \$314 million awarded to achieve 8.6 percent toward a goal of 6 percent.
- Woman-owned small business: \$310 million awarded to achieve 8.5 percent toward a goal of 10 percent.
- Historically under-

utilized business zone: \$306 million awarded to achieve 8.4 percent toward a goal of 10 percent.

The MICC is responsible for providing contracting support for the warfighter across Army commands, installations and activities located throughout the continental United States, Alaska and Puerto Rico.

In fiscal 2011, the command executed more than 63,000 contract actions worth almost \$7 billion across the Army, including \$2.8 billion to small businesses throughout the country.

## Military Health System Joint Active Directory initiative helping to improve communication, response times

By Kenneth Blair Hogue  
USAMITC Public Affairs

An initiative to help improve communications and response times between healthcare providers from different branches of the military working in a joint medical environment was recently created by the U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and the Military Health System Cyberinfrastructure Services.

The result of the joint effort is the Military Health System Joint Active Directory.

MCiS approached the technology center requesting this migration support. In the long term, this migration should help the joint military healthcare process.

The MHS directed all clinical programs of

record to migrate to the Joint Active Directory as part of this initiative, and some clinical organizations are also in the process of migrating some of their IT services to the MHS JAD as well.

One of these migration efforts began more than two years ago when USAMITC was tasked to support the newly created Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical in the Washington, D.C., area.

This task involved a Base Realignment and Closure initiative to consolidate some of the medical facilities in the North Capital Region, including the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital and the former National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda.

This initiative specifically required the closure of WRAMC and the dis-

tribution of its employees and IT services to the other two medical treatment facilities.

These hospitals, the FBCH and the newly-named Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, now fall under Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical.

"The tasking was two-fold," said Joe Tolentino, a project manager in USAMITC's Sustainment Division and the Military Health System Joint Active Directory Team Lead.

"The first immediate task was to get Fort Belvoir migrated by the end of August 2011."

Tolentino said that this migration was different.

"This was an active directory migration project requiring email, BlackBerry, and email archiving services, as well as the requirement to migrate workstations."

Tolentino said that from USAMITC's perspective, the real focus was to migrate customers from one active directory system to the Military Health System Joint Active Directory.

"The challenge is we have three different types of customers: Army, Navy, and a smattering of Air Force; so we're talking about a real tri-service initiative," Tolentino said.

"While USAMITC has performed similar migration efforts within the Army Medical Command community, this tri-service requirement was something new and different."

Tolentino shed more light on their challenges.

"The tasking we received to meet the BRAC legal requirement of completion by mid-September of last year was very aggressive and demanding. We had

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**USAMITC Sustainment Division**  
**project manager**

only a few months to prepare for that migration. The team did a great job meeting the challenge."

This migration also included the Dorenzo TRICARE Health Clinic at the Pentagon, a smaller site that falls under Walter Reed.

"Due to their visibility and mission of supporting senior level executives at the Pentagon, this site required a lot of attention as well," Tolentino said.





## SENIOR LEADERS KICK OFF CFC SEASON



Photo by Richard McFadden

Senior leaders from each of the military services in San Antonio kick off the 2012 Combined Federal Campaign during a signing ceremony Aug. 27 at the Lahm Conference Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. From left are Army Maj. Gen. Walter L. Davis, U.S. Army North deputy commanding general; Marine Maj. Martin D. Gale, Inspector-Instructor Staff executive officer; Navy Capt. John D. Larnerd Jr., Navy Medicine Training Center commanding officer; and Air Force Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., Air Education and Training Command commander. The 2012 Combined Federal Campaign began Sept. 1.

### Did you know?

One of the best things about ICE is that people can let service providers know when they do a great job, not just for poor service. It takes 5 minutes or less to submit a comment at <http://ice.disa.mil>.



## U.S. NAVY RECRUITS FEATURED AT SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS GAME



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class John Escobedo

U.S. Navy Lt. Walter Warren, a division officer with Navy Recruiting District, San Antonio administers the oath of enlistment to 15 future Sailors during the San Antonio Missions' Military Appreciation Night, honoring the U.S. Navy, at Nelson W. Wolff Stadium Aug. 22. "Not very many people are provided this opportunity," said Warren, a native of San Antonio. "These are our next-generation Sailors and I am honored to have sworn them into our Navy family." The Navy also provided a Color Guard and a national anthem singer to kick the game off.



## BAMC CELEBRATES WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

Col. Noel Cardenas (left), deputy commander for administration of Brooke Army Medical Center and Leticia Ozuna, District 3 councilwoman for the City of San Antonio, cut the cake during the Women's Equality Day commemoration at San Antonio Military Medical Center's medical mall Aug. 24. Ozuna was the guest speaker of the event. She highlighted retired Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody as the first female four-star general for both the Army and the U.S. armed forces. She also stressed the importance of public service and working hard to achieve one's goals.

**Photo by Dewey Mitchell**



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## ARMY RESERVE GENERAL VISITS METC



**Photo by Lisa Braun**

Maj. Gen. Luis Visot, deputy commanding general for operations for the U.S. Army Reserve (second from left), receives a tour of the surgical technician program during a visit of the Medical Education and Training Campus Aug. 29. Visot also toured the pharmacy and combat medic training programs and received mission briefs during his visit to METC. Also pictured are (from left) Col. Rafael Montagno, interim METC commandant; Roger Nation, surgical technician program instructor; and Brig. Gen. David Smalley, deputy commanding general for professional services, 807th Medical Command (Deployment Support).



## SUICIDE from P1

awareness:

“Ask” the question — “Are you thinking about killing yourself?”

Asking the question directly can be difficult but it will let your friends know you care enough about them to ask the question and that you are aware of the pain they are going through.

What do you do when they answer “Yes”?

“Care” and listen to what your friend is thinking. Suicidal people feel that they lack the love and support of others, so showing that you are willing to listen is an important way to help. Take the subject seriously, not everyone who thinks about suicide actually attempts it; however, you do not want to take that chance.

“Escort” should be the easiest step in the ACE model, if you already know where to go for help. Take the time to get to know the available resources – the nearest chaplains, military medical treatment facility,

behavioral health providers and the emergency room. Accompany them and never leave your friend alone.

Suicide prevention is a shared responsibility of commanders, leaders, Soldiers, and civilians at all levels.

Direct questioning, supportive listening and gentle but persistent guidance can help bring hope and appropriate treatment to someone who believes suicide is the only option.

Brooke Army Medical Center’s Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care offers ACE training to all new staff and their family members monthly in the newcomers orientation at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

For more information on suicide prevention and awareness, call BAMC Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care at 916-1105; click on MilitaryOneSource at <http://www.militaryonesource.com> or call 1-800-342-9647; or check the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org> or call 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

## WORKSHOP from P3

502nd MSG commander, and this workshop is an attempt to get the mission partners on the same page in order to acquire the necessary resources to support them.

“The end state is a happier customer and more resources if we can justify it through their input,” Lamoureux said.

“We can find out now the exact things we need to know as far as who will support us and how it will be provided,” said Ben Williams, a budget analyst with Public Health Command Region-South.

“I can discuss our challenges directly with our mission partners and where we are going in the future,” said Alberto Jorge-Sanchez, director, 502nd Security Forces Squadron.

“Sometimes a phone call does not give them the true picture, as I try to explain the changes going on within the squadron while going from an Army organization to an Air Force organization.”



Photo by L.A. Shively

Carol Bann, Installation Management Command, asks a question during the 502nd Mission Support Group Customer Workshop at the Region 20 Conference Center Aug. 19. The workshop covered base operations support from each of the functional squadrons, supports agreements as well as the reimbursement process.

Jorge-Sanchez was pleased with the opportunity to network with the other partners as well.

“We can talk and cross-talk and they can get questions to

me directly. It’s a good thing,” he said.

“Finally, we just wanted them to meet us,” De Los Santos said, “and know that we are here to help.”

## CHOSIN FEW from P1

guest speaker for the ceremony, recalled that he and his unit landed at Inchon with the Marines who headed north. His unit first headed south to fight, marched to the southernmost tip of the country and again, boarded ships heading for North Korea, finally marching deep into the mountains to the Chosin Reservoir.

Other guests included former Navy Hospital Corpsman Leo Perez, who served at the Chosin Reservoir and retired Navy Hospital Corpsman Master Chief Leo Stanley, who treated wounded returning from WWII.

Battle survivors of the North Korean reservoir are known as the Chosin Few because so many lost their lives during that one fight.

"We were fighting the elements, we were fighting the terrain and we were fighting the Chinese," said Sartillo. "It was deathly cold – 30 and 40 degrees below zero. We were in mountainous terrain and the Chinese were coming at us in droves," he remembered.

"To put it bluntly, we had one hell of a fight up there," Sartillo said.

He said he and his unit, along with three rifle companies of Marines and British commandos, were ambushed on their way to reinforce troops already at the reservoir. The enemy was able to separate the column into sections. His company was at the rear of the column and got hit the hardest.

"We'd fought all day and about three o'clock in the morning our commander surrendered. We were out of ammo and he tried to bargain with the Chinese for time so that others could escape to the south," Sartillo said.



Leo Perez, a retired Navy hospital corpsman who served in Korea during the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, recognizes a friend whose name is listed among the fallen on the honor wall of Anderson Hall, part of the Medical Education and Training Campus, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Perez, who served in Korea, participated in a ceremonial unveiling of the naming of the walkway leading to Jaenke and Fralish Halls. The walkway was named Avenue of the Chosin Few to remember and honor those who died as well as those who survived the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir.



Photos by L.A. Shively

Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Jose Lopez unveils the name of the walkway leading to Jaenke and Fralish Halls. The walkway was named Avenue of the Chosin Few after those who fought the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, during the Korean War, to remember and honor those who died as well as those who survived.

Sartillo was with the commander and was captured. He spent 33 months as a prisoner of war. His memory of prison camp was not pleasant.

"We lost over a thousand from starvation, wounds and any other numbers of things," he said. Sartillo was only 16 years old when he captured.

After the ceremony, guests, staff and students shared refreshments and screened "Chosin," a documentary about the battle at the Chosin Reservoir. After the film, Anton Sattler, a writer and producer for the film, answered questions from the audience.

"It was an honor," Larnerd said, "to meet and spend time with these heroes."

## Chosin film brings attention to little known, bloody battle of Korean War

By L.A. Shively  
JBAS-FSH News Leader

Marines are taught about the Chosin Reservoir Campaign in Korea during boot camp because they fought and survived two enemies: the Chinese who vastly outnumbered them and a cold so intense, Navy corpsmen chipped ice out of the Marines' nostrils while they huddled together in their foxholes.

Most Americans don't understand or know much about the Korean conflict because it was labeled a police action rather than a war explained Anton Sattler, vice president of Veterans Expeditionary Media.

Sattler and his partner Brian Iglesias, who both served two tours in Iraq as U.S. Marine Corps infantry officers, pooled their funds after leaving the military to write and film a documentary, "Chosin," about the campaign.

The film presents the battle of the Chosin Reservoir through the eyes of several survivors, many of whom suffered severe frostbite.

After marching into the mountains of North Korea during the winter of 1950, 15,000 U.S. Army Soldiers and Marines were surrounded and trapped by an overwhelming force of communist Chinese soldiers.

After defending their position, they made a fighting withdrawal, marching 78 miles back toward freedom. The campaign also rescued 98,000 Korean refugees.

Not many know about Korea because the conflict followed on the heels of WWII and Americans were war weary Sattler said.

"We heard time and time again from veterans that we interviewed, when they came home their neighbors would say, 'Hey Joe, where have you been? I haven't seen you for a year,'" Sattler said. "It was the first time that Americans didn't go to war with the troops. There wasn't rationing. Factories were not mobilized to support the war effort."

Chosin Reservoir was horrific in terms of casualties and is one of the most decorated battles, yet only gets a page in the history books sandwiched between WWII and Vietnam, the writer said.

After leaving the military, Sattler and Iglesias had trouble finding jobs so they pooled their funds and traveled across the U.S., interviewing survivors willing to share their experiences, in order to bring attention to the contributions and sacrifices Korean War veterans made.

"Chosin" is available on iTunes, Netflix, EPIX and DVD.



# Colombian Command and General Staff College students visit ARSOUTH

By Robert R. Ramon  
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

U.S. Army South hosted students from Colombia's Command and General Staff College Aug. 21 in an effort to maintain a strong regional partnership.

"This visit is important because we get to know – in person – the future leaders of one of our most important partners in the region," said Maj. Mario Castro, ARSOUTH Southern Cone desk officer. "These types of personal interaction and relation building activities

facilitate our mission."

More than 38 students from the Colombian army, navy and air force participated in the visit that highlighted ARSOUTH's major exercises and operations as well as specific aspects of its mission that are important to Colombia.

The Colombian CGSC is similar to the U.S. Army CGSC, whose mission is to educate and develop leaders for full spectrum joint, interagency and multinational operations. Students are required to complete the one-year course before they can be promoted to the next level.

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, U.S. Army South commanding general, welcomed Colombian CGSC faculty member Brig. Gen. Hector J. Pachon and the students at his headquarters just before Robert L. Pelegreen, Army South Security Cooperation Division deputy director, conducted a command overview briefing.

Castro said the Colombian students left a positive impression on the Army South staff during their visit.

"The command and general staff college students demonstrated a high level of professionalism and selfless service," Castro said. "They are the future leaders in their army and we look forward to working together with them in the future."



Robert L. Pelegreen (left), U.S. Army South International Military Affairs deputy director, visits with Colombia Command and General Staff College students at the U.S. Army South headquarters building Aug. 21.

During their visit the students toured Army South's headquarters where they received briefings and presentations by several staff directorates within the command.

After their visit with Army South, Castro said the Colombian students were visiting Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The visit to Army South was well received according to the Colombian students.

"It's a great experience to see how they do things here," said Colombian Air Force Maj. Nestor Cortes, a Colombian CGSC student. "We want to find ways that we can better work together in the future since these are our partners and we share many common concerns."



Photos by Robert R. Ramon

Maj. Mario Castro (right), U.S. Army South Southern Cone desk officer, visits with Colombia Command and General Staff College students at the U.S. Army South headquarters building Aug. 21.

## Quality-of-life issues needed for Armed Forces Action Plan

By Kathleen Moree  
Armed Forces Action  
Plan Coordinator

The Army Family Action Plan is a standardized program designed to improve quality of life for service members and their families.

Since 1983, a total of 691 issues have entered the process, resulting in 128 legislative changes, 179 policy changes and 200 improved programs or services.



the members of all branches who make up the San Antonio community.

Representatives of the Army,

At Joint Base San Antonio, the Army Family Action Plan has transformed into the Armed Forces Action Plan, to reflect

Air Force, Navy and Marines are invited to participate and help improve the quality of life for all service members and their families.

AFAP creates an information loop between the global military family and leadership and is a powerful tool.

Information provided through the process gives commanders and leaders insight into current satisfaction detractors and quality of life needs.

Of the thousands of issues

submitted to AFAP conferences around the world, about 90 percent are retained at the local level to make changes to installation programs and services.

The JBASA AFAP Conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 through 16 at the Dodd Field Chapel, 3600 Dodd Boulevard, Building 1721, on JBASA-Fort Sam Houston.

Issues are being collected now and should be received by Oct. 19 to be included in this year's conference.

Each AFAP success story originated as an idea that someone decided to pursue.

Any idea on a policy item that could be changed, a quality of life service that could be improved upon, either for Joint Base San Antonio or a particular service in general, now is the time to let your voice be heard.

For more information, on how to submit issues, call 221-2705 or stop by Warfighter and Family Readiness at the Roadrunner Community Center at 3060 Stanley Road, Building 2797.



## FORT SAM HOUSTON HONORS RETIREES



Soldiers and family members thanked seven Soldiers for their service to the nation Aug. 30 during the monthly Fort Sam Houston retirement ceremony at U.S. Army North's historic Quadrangle. Brig. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke, commander, U.S. Mission and Installation Contracting Command, presided over the ceremony. The retirees are (from left) Col. Shane Dietrich, U.S. Mission and Installation Contracting Command; Chief Warrant Officer 5 Curtis Randolph, U.S. Army Medical Command; Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Fields III, U.S. Army North; Master Sgt. Mary Ann Peters, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School; Sgt. 1st Class Donna Horton, 56th Signal Battalion; Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Majors; 32nd Medical Brigade; Sgt. 1st Class Winston Nicholson, 187th Medical Battalion.



**Photos by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos**

Brig. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke, MICC commander, presents the Legion of Merit to Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Fields III during the monthly Fort Sam Houston retirement ceremony Aug. 30. Fields, who served as senior enlisted advisor for the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North, is retiring from the Army after 31 years of service. Joining Fields during the ceremony is his wife, Tong Ye Kim; his daughter, Tiffany; and his son, Steven (not pictured).

## 56TH SIGNAL BN. RELINQUISHMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY, RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Command Sgt. Maj. Carl S. Adams Sr. (right) passes a ceremonial sword to Command Sgt. Maj. Robert A. Daniel, 21st Signal Brigade, relinquishing responsibility for the 56th Signal Battalion Aug. 29 during a ceremony at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston flagpole. Adams retires after 30 years of service in the U.S. Army. Sgt. Maj. Jennifer L. Taylor (left) takes over interim responsibility of the 56th Signal Bn.

**Photo by Mike O'Rear**





**Word Level 2**

Sept. 6, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

**Family Readiness Group/Support Assistant Forum**

Sept. 7, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

**Man of the House**

Sept. 7, noon-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

**Infant Massage**

Sept. 10, 17 and 24, 10-11:30 a.m., Lackland Airmen and Family Readiness, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

**Scream Free Marriage**

Sept. 10, 17, 24 and Oct. 1, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Lackland Airmen and Family Readiness, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

**Identification Theft**

Sept. 10, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

**Excel Level 1**

Sept. 11, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

**HUGS playgroup**

Sept. 11, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

**CARE Team Training**

Sept. 11, 9-11:30 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

**Immigration Services**

Sept. 11, noon-2 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

**Battlemind (Pre) Training for Families**

Sept. 11, 1-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

**Savings and Investing**

Sept. 11, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

**Access Level 1**

Sept. 12, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

**Bringing Baby Home**

Sept. 12 and 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

**Pre-Deployment Planning**

Sept. 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

**Overseas Orientation**

Sept. 12, 10-11 a.m. and again 5-6 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

**Self-Paced Initial First Termer Financial Readiness**

Sept. 12, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1612.

**Scream-Free Parenting**

Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10 and 17, 6:30-8 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

**Access Level 2**

Sept. 13, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

**Harlequin Dinner Theatre**

"Legends of Las Vegas," runs Thursday-Saturday through Sept. 29 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre. Dinner served at 6:15 p.m. with an 8 p.m. curtain. Call 222-9694 for tickets and reservations.

**32nd Annual Combat Medic Run**

Sept. 29 at MacArthur Parade Field, open to all DOD cardholders, MWR patrons and the San Antonio community. Race categories include a 5K Individual walk/run, a 5k Guidon Team and a 5K 28-Soldier Formation. Register at <http://bit.ly/RaceRegistration> by Sept. 23. Call 221-1234 or 808-7510.

**Job Fair**

Oct. 4, 4-7 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0427.

**41st Combat Support Hospital Reunion**

Former members of the 41st CSH are invited for a picnic reunion noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 27 at Salado Creek Park on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Cost is \$25 per person. Call 916-9527, 269-2150 or 654-3264 for more information.

**Armed Forces Action Plan**

The Armed Force Action Plan

Conference will be held Nov. 13-16. People can submit issues and/or volunteer to participate in this annual event. To submit an issue, email [jbsa.afap@gmail.com](mailto:jbsa.afap@gmail.com). Call 221-2336 for more information.

**Joint Base San Antonio Special Olympics**

The Exceptional Family Member Program will hold a Joint Base San Antonio Special Olympics from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 3 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. For more information or to volunteer, call 221-2962.

**EFMP Morgan's Wonderland Resource Fair**

Oct. 13, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information on this annual event, call 221-2962.

**Parent Central Customer Service Hours**

Parent Central will assist walk-in patrons from 8 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. for registration and 12:30-1 p.m. for out processing and payments. Call 221-4871.

**Before and After School Care Registration**

Register your child, grades K-12, for before and after school

care at Parent Central, 221-4871. Warriors in Transition and their family members should register at Soldier Family Assistance Building 3936 Acubo Barracks or call 916-6377. Registration is ongoing until space is full.

**School Liaison Office**

The School Liaison Office can assist patrons in registration, provide information about the local school system and community, educate parents on school policies, procedures, programs and schedules and home schooling. Call 221-2214/2256 or visit <http://www.fortsammwr.com/youth/slo.html>.

**Air Force Education & Training Center**

From 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, relocated to a temporary building at 2427 Hood St. Call 221-2135.

**Basic Skills Education Program**

Classes are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and

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Scan with Smartphone app to access the Joint Base San Antonio website at [www.jbsa.af.mil](http://www.jbsa.af.mil)







### Renewing the Promise Girl Scout Event

An event of new Girl Scout's will be held 6-8 p.m. Sept. 6 at Sally Cheever Girl Scout Leadership Center, 811 N. Coker Loop. Enjoy light refreshments, door prizes, and a Girl Scout program. Come learn about the customizable membership options for girls as well as fun and flexible volunteer opportunities for girls, grades Kindergarten through 12 and adults. All girls registering at the event will receive an early bird patch. For more information, call 349-2404 ext. 285.

### Freedom Festival

Lytle VFW Post 12041 will host

the second annual Freedom Festival Sept. 8 at John Lott Municipal Park in Lytle, Texas. The festival will kick off with a Freedom Walk beginning at 9 a.m. at the park pavilion. Festival hours are noon to 11 p.m. with food vendors, crafts and music. Call 830-709-0250 or visit <http://www.lytlefvw.org> for more information.

### Texas Economic Development Council Job Fair

A job fair will be held Sept. 23 at the San Antonio Convention Center, Exhibit Hall 103AB, 200 East Market St. Early admissions for veterans is 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. General admission for all job seekers is 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Company recruiters and hiring managers representing more than 50 companies, including Halliburton, National Oilwell Varco and Thomas Petroleum, will be at the

event recruiting for a wide variety of energy-related jobs including engineers, geologists, geoscience managers, truck drivers, oil technicians and more.

### Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

### Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months. Potential foster families need time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months, a stimu-

lating and safe home environment and a desire to help raise a military working dog. Call 671-3686 for more information.

### Dinosaur Stampede

The San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston, will feature a life-size dinosaur exhibit through Dec. 31. Call 207-3255 or visit <http://www.sabot.org> for more information.

### Complimentary SeaWorld Admission for Military

Throughout 2012, members of the military and as many as three direct dependents may enter SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks with a single-day complimentary admission through the Here's to Heroes program. Visit <http://www.herosalute.com/cavatx/index.html>.

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math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738 to enroll.

### Start a career with CID

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking qualified active duty Soldiers to become Special Agents. Contact the local CID Office, 2164 Wilson Way, Building 268. They will perform a brief interview and determine if you meet the minimum requirements. From that point, they will provide guidance throughout the application process. Call 221-1764 or visit <http://www.cid.army.mil> for more information.

### Sports Scores

For Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and 32nd Medical Brigade intramural sports results, visit <http://bit.ly/MWRsports>.

### Stilwell House

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston, Inc. a 501(C)(3) corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

### Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the last Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m.

at the Army Medical Department Museum. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

### Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344 for more information.



**FOR SALE:** Queen mattress and boxspring set, Spring Air Back-Supporter pillowtop model, \$295. Graco high chair with tray, includes animal print pad, \$30. Call 495-2296.

**FOR SALE:** Metal half-bed cot,

excellent condition, lightly used, \$60. Call 233-9476.

**FOR SALE:** Slightly used push mower, cost \$90 new, sell for \$50, Call 295-6131 or 771-7480.

**FOR SALE:** Dresser, \$30; loveseat, coffee table, inner table, \$99; micro-oven, \$20; stackable washer and dryer, runs on electric and gas, \$175; apartment-sized refrigerator, \$30. Call 241-1291.

**FOR SALE:** Brand-new Rascal electric wheelchair with detachable legs, instruction manual included, \$700. Call 661-3765.

## Weekly Weather Watch

	Sept 6	Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9	Sept 10	Sept 11
San Antonio Texas	102° Sunny	103° Sunny	97° Isolated T-Storms	91° Sunny	94° Sunny	95° Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	79° AMI T-Storms	78° Rain/Thunder	77° Scattered T-Storms	78° Partly Cloudy	81° Sunny	85° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com))

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